

Q Squash, Southern Region Inc

Annual General Meeting 14 February 2009

Nerang Squash & Fitness Centre

Presidents Report

Firstly I would like to thank everyone that has made the effort to attend this AGM.

Yet another year has quickly passed by and we are once again into our arrangements for the 2009 junior squash programme.

The past year's activities for our Region has included:-

- Running of the junior selection tournaments for 2008
- Helping organise and run the 2008 QJC which was held at Palm Beach, Gold Coast
- Q Squash Workshop held at Taylor Range, Brisbane 15 Nov 2008.

As usual the major focus of our activities was Junior Squash based, however, I would like to see more senior activity occurring on a regional basis and perhaps this year some efforts can be made to improve the awareness of Southern Region and seek out areas where the Regional committee can be of assistance, especially with the main competition operators.

I would like to thank all those that contributed in any way shape or form to the activities of Our Region during the past year and can only urge you to carry on still for the coming year. It is only with your continuing support that the activities that we *Do Have* can continue. It would be to the very sad detriment of Our Sport should we allow these activities fail.

We all enjoy seeing our players playing well and excelling in their efforts and achievements and for their efforts last year our junior team finished third at the State Titles. This was a great result as we have run fourth for the past few years. All our players performed very well with a few of our juniors being selected in the Qld Junior Team.

Our Junior players that played in the AJC and also those who were selected into the QLD Team performed well with the end result of Sam Fife winning the National Boys 15 YAG Title and Qld winning the interstate teams series.

Another notable achievement was that of Larry & Megan Rauschenbach, Bev McErvale, Marg Taylor, Janelle Newton, the Mountford Jones, John & Julie Berry and many others in assisting our region in running the kitchen, and accommodation for our team at the 2008 QJC. My Apologies to those I have failed to mention as there were many from day to day, like coaches Luke Forster and Shaun McErvale (it took 2 to replace Noel),. The result was tremendous and I congratulate all of you on a job very well done.

With all this experience behind us I congratulate all our players and administrators that supported Our Region throughout the year and trust that they have all enjoyed, learnt and appreciated the efforts and events.

I would like to make a special thank you to Nathan Stephenson and all those that assisted in organising, collecting and donating funds for our long standing coach in his time of need. It was a great effort and a great surprise to Noel upon receiving the Donation. We wish him well in his ongoing recovery and his new venture, which of course is still in Squash. He assures me he will still be a Southern Region supporter whenever he can.

To assist Noel I took over his position on the Q Squash Board, a position that I currently still hold.

Q Squash is holding a further workshop on 28 Feb & 1 March 2009 at Taylor Range Squash Centre, Brisbane. I urge as many of you as possible to attend as this is the venue to put your thoughts and comments into the future direction of Queensland Squash.

It would appear there are many difficult times and issues still to deal with over the coming year in relation to the function and operation of our State body. I trust that your assistance and understanding of the needs and requirements for our State Body will continue so that our sport can eventually get back on track to the promotion and development of our great sport.

This year our regional team has to travel to Mackay and I believe a number of arrangements have already been made.

I would like to thank my committee and fellow players for their assistance and support throughout the year and trust that their support is continued throughout the coming year.

I would also like to welcome and congratulate the incoming president or chairperson for Our Region and trust that the committee members and players that make up our great Region will continue to support and contribute to Our Region for many years to come.

Yours in Squash

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Hugh Taylor

President Southern Region, Q Squash

